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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 16 March to 9 April 1954

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22 April 1954

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

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1. CB - Converted Boxcar; B - Boxcar; F - Flatcar; RRym - Heavy-Duty Flatcar
Troop trains from Meinsdorf listed in railroad records on 16 and 25 March 1954 included:

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| <u>Date in March</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>Receiving Station</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 16 | 2 B, 9 F, 7 RRym | Brand |
| | 3 B, 2 F, 10 RRym | Brand |
| | 2 B, 5 F, 15 RRym | Brand |
| | 7 B, 3 F, 3 RRym | Forst Zinna |
| 25 | 4 B, 12 RRym | Wolmirstedt |

2. Troop trains identified from railroad teletype messages and observed by source on 26, 27 and 28 March included:

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| <u>Date in March</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 26 | 3 B, 27 F | Techentin | Lindow |
| 27 | 2 B, 20 F | Schwerin-Goerries | Gransee |
| | 9 B, 37 F | Schwerin-Goerries | Gransee |
| | 14 B, 41 F | Techentin | Lindow |
| | 16 B, 44 F | Perleberg | Gransee |
| 28 | 10 B, 30 F | Perleberg | Fuerstenberg |
| | 3 B, 51 F | Perleberg | Fuerstenberg |
| | 2 B, 51 F | Perleberg | Fuerstenberg |

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4. On 1 April, a troop train of 7 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 16 x 100-mm AT guns, and about 25 trucks, [redacted] was observed at the Wustermark railroad station. The train went to Doeberitz. 5

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5. Troop trains identified from railroad records on 1 and 2 April included:

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| Date in April | Composition of Troop Trains | From | To |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 8 CB, 3 B, 22 F | Jueterbog-Altes Lager | Oranienburg |
| | 14 CB, 31 F | Templin | Jueterbog-Altes Lager |
| 2 | 14 B, 33 F | Jueterbog-Altes Lager | Prenzlau Templin Finow |

6. The following troop trains were listed in railroad records on 7, 8 and 9 April:

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| Date in April | Number of Flatcars | From | To |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 7 | 20 | Dallgow | Neustrelitz |
| | 12 | Jueterbog | Wittenberg |
| 8 | 14 | Dallgow | Neuruppin |
| | 74 | Wittstock | Velten |
| | 29 | Netzeband | Dallgow |
| 9 | 25 | Neubukow | Dallgow |

- 25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. On 16 March 1954, tank units of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Zerbst also moved to Brand on at least two troop trains to participate in the field exercise conducted by the division in the Brand-Jueterbog area between 17 and 20 March 1954. Three return shipments from Jueterbog to Meinsdorf on 20 March 1954 previously confirmed that units from Rossau also participated in the above maneuver.

- 25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. On 25 March 1954, a tank detail of the 7th Gds Tank Div probably transferred to Letzling Heath for combat firing practice.

- 25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. These troop trains which were previously reported carried components of the 18th Mech Div from Techentin and Perleberg, and contingents of corps troops of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps from Schwerin - Goerries to field exercises to the above division. [redacted] 25X1

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- 25X1A 4. [redacted] Comment. Concordant official records indicate that, on 29 March 1954, no troop train went from Jueterbog to Eberswalde, but only the troop train [redacted] hauled tanks of the 25th Tank Div from Haldensleben to Prenzlau. The same tank [redacted] observed on the train passing through Oranienburg on 29 March 1954 were also seen during the unloading at Prenzlau. [redacted] On 1 April 1954, the troop train [redacted] went from Eberswalde to Jueterbog. [redacted] 25X1

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